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Harold.

A bunch of stuff that has been collecting.

I have been working the hearings on the O'Hare crash and haven't had time to check further into the Midway matter. The National Transportation safety board is scheduled to be back in Chicago in Feb. for the Midway thing. I will request to cover that one too, which may be useful to our purposes. Some cyanide was also indicated in the O(Hare crash.

A friend of mine works for newsweek here and is now leaving for Boston Bureau. I took her out for a few goodbye drinks and she talked. Said that they had proof that the money in the crash had been laundered, didn't say how or when or when her magazine will use the info.

She also spent a week or so on the Bremer thing up north and is convinced he was alone. She said she could find no indication he was tied to anyone. (I'm not arguing that, just repeating.) She said that he was a loner and a miser until he met that girl. When she dumped him he started to go to pieces. She talked to the girl for sometime. She didn't say too much because she's a fine reporter, but also a friend.

I've gotten two packages from Rife filled with papers etc. The case keeps sounding better although he does make mistakes on things like the FBI arrest report which is really an Illinois report, although they get most of the info from FBI. I haven't approached the bosses about the story in detail yet. I mentioned it to city editor and he said come back and talk in detail. He likes the idea of a guy getting 20 to 50 yrs for a few bucks of scrap metal. With all the nice touches to it I should be able to interest.

Don't mention to Rife, I don't want to get his hopes up. The only thing that really bothers me is that long record. Maybe I can work the trying to go straight and they won't let him angle?

Trib had long piece on Janus , I'll try to look up.

RE: What was Hunt looking for if not money? Crazy sherman said it was secret papers dealing with a pipeline scandal involving Mitchell.

The attorney who picked up the money for Hunt here is a former Asst. U.S. Attorney, handled some local Mafia cases and a tiny bit of action on Chicago 7 case. No law partners.

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